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37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)(4)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the first sentence with the following:

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~~This~~ application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/943,511, filed October 6, 1997, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/572,488 (now U.S. Patent NO. 5,685,299), filed December 14, 1995, which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/132,812 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,490,505), filed October 6, 1993.

In the Claims:

Kindly delete Claims 1-38.

Please add the following new claim:

*Suppl*  
*92* of:  
39. A method for measuring saturation of a blood constituent in a patient comprising the steps